

House File 155 - Introduced

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A BILL FOR

1 An Act relating to the operation of a motor vehicle in the far
2 left lane of a divided, multilaned highway at a speed under
3 the posted speed limit, and providing a penalty.

4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

1 Section 1. Section 321.297, Code 2015, is amended by adding
2 the following new subsection:

3 NEW SUBSECTION. 2A. a. A person operating a motor vehicle
4 in the far left lane of a divided, multilaned highway shall not
5 operate the vehicle at a speed of ten miles per hour or more
6 under the posted speed limit if the person knows or reasonably
7 should know that the operator of another motor vehicle in the
8 far left lane traveling in the same direction as the person is
9 attempting to overtake the person from the rear at a higher
10 rate of speed.

11 b. This subsection shall not apply if the person is
12 attempting to overtake the operator of another motor vehicle
13 traveling in the same direction as the person or if the person
14 is preparing to make a left turn.

15 EXPLANATION

16 The inclusion of this explanation does not constitute agreement with
17 the explanation's substance by the members of the general assembly.

18 This bill prohibits a person operating a motor vehicle
19 in the far left lane of a divided, multilaned highway from
20 driving at a speed of 10 miles per hour or more under the
21 posted speed limit if the person knows or reasonably should
22 know that another driver in the far left lane traveling in the
23 same direction as the person is attempting to overtake the
24 person from the rear at a higher rate of speed. The bill does
25 not apply to a person attempting to overtake another driver
26 traveling in the same direction as the person or to a person
27 preparing to make a left turn.

28 Current law provides a scheduled fine for a violation of this
29 section of \$100.